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SUMMARY: THREE CIVIL GUARD MEMBERS WERE KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN BOMBING IN BASQUE PROVINCE OCTOBER 5. FOLLOWING REITERATION OF ITS DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING OCTOBER 3, GOS IS HOLDING SPECIAL CABINET MEETING OCTOBER 6 TO DELIBERATE LATEST SHOOTINGS AND COUNTER-MEASURES. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAS RETURNED TO MADRID. WEEKEND CHARACTERIZED BY DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT SPAIN, EXCEPT IN BASQUE PROVINCES AND CATALONIA, SUPPORTING REGIME AND PRESS COMMENTARY CRITICIZING OUTSIDERS FOR ATTACKS ON SPAIN. END SUMMARY

1. A PRE-PLANTED, HOME-MADE, SHRAPNEL MINE KILLED THREE AND WOUNDED TWO CIVIL GUARD MEMBERS IN INCIDENT NEAR ONATE IN BASQUE PROVINCE OF GUIPUZCOA OCTOBER 5. ELECTRONICALLY TRIGGERED EXPLOSIVE WAS SIMILAR IN CONSTRUCTION TO TYPE OF BOMB WHICH KILLED 14 IN MADRID BAR YEAR AGO. SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WAS CALLED FOR OCTOBER 6 TO DISCUSS LATEST KILLINGS OF POLICEMEN AND COUNTER-MEASURES. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD MET FOR DELIBERATIVE SESSION OCTOBER 3 FOLLOWING WHICH MEDIA WERE TOLD THAT GOVT HAD STUDIED IMPACT OF EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPAIN AND HAD REITERATED ITS DETERMINATION TO STAMP OUT TERRORISM WITH ALL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL.

2. PRO-REGIME DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN SEVILLE, CORDOBA, LAS PALMAS, AND LA CORUNA OVER THE WEEKEND. IN MANY CASES MEMBERS OF FORCES OF PUBLIC ORDER WERE CARRIED ON SHOULDERS OF CROWD AND PRAISED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO DUTY AND SELF-SACRIFICE. NO DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN BASQUE PROVINCES NOR IN CATALONIA. ACCORDING TO CONSUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILBAO, LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ENCOURAGED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS TO AVOID EXACERBATION OF SITUATION. SPAIN'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER, "ABC" (MONARCHIST) HAS STARTED A SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN TO RAISE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FAMILIES OF ASSASSINATED POLICEMEN.

3. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR MENEZES ROSA, RETURNED TO MADRID OCTOBER 4. IN BRIEF COMMENTS TO PRESS REPS HE SAID THAT

HE WOULD REITERATE TO GOS REGRETS FOR INCIDENTS IN LISBON WHICH HE SAID WERE CAUSED BY "SMALL GROUP OF EXTREMISTS" ADDING THAT GOP WAS ANXIOUS TO OVERCOME "CURRENT DIFFICULTIES" SO THAT MUTUAL RELATIONS COULD RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS LEVEL. MEANWHILE, GOS CHARGE, LAST DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL IN PORTUGAL, RETURNED TO MADRID OCTOBER 4, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE GOP COULD NOT GUARANTEE SECURITY OF SPANISH REPRESENTATION. MFA SPOKESMAN DENIED THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE CLOSE TO A BREAK.

4. GDR HAS WITHDRAWN ALL OF ITS DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN MADRID LEAVING TWO MEMBERS OF TRADE MISSION. ACCORDING TO MFA INFORMATION OFFICE AND GDR EMBASSY, GDR MEASURE AMOUNTS TO A "TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS". BUT NOT A BREAK.

5. SEVERAL SPANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED PHOTO OF SWEDISH PREMIER PALME HOLDING A CUP IN HIS HAND MARKED "FOR FREEDOM IN SPAIN" BEGGING FOR MONEY ON THE STREETS OF STOCKHOLM. RESPECTED COMMENTATOR, APOSTUA, IN "YA" (INDEPENDENT) STATED IN ARTICLE OCTOBER 5 THAT "HIS STUPID GESTURE WILL MAKE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THE RELATIONS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WITHIN SPAIN WITH THEIR EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES" BY MAKING THE SPANISH OPPOSITION APPEAR "ANTI-PATRIOTIC". "WITH SUCH FRIENDS IN EUROPE, SPANISH OPPOSITION NEEDED NO OTHER ENEMIES". APOSTUA WROTE, HOWEVER, THAT REAL PROBLEM WAS AN INTERNAL SPANISH ONE: "OUR INCAPACITY TO MOVE AHEAD TOWARDS DEMOCRATIC FORMS AND TO WORK OUT A STRATEGY OF CHANGE". THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM IS THE REGIME ITSELF, APOSTUA WROTE. ANTI-SPANISH CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE, HOWEVER, HAD EFFECT OF GIVING NEW STRENGTH TO THE ONLY POSITIVE ELEMENT IN REGIME: "THE PERSONAL CHARISMA AND POWER OF FRANCO".
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IN APOSTUA'S VIEW -- SECONDED BY MANY OTHER POLITICAL OBSERVERS -- PRESENT EVENTS SHOULD NOT HOWEVER, BE USED TO POSTPONE CHANGE AND REFORM IN SPAIN.
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